

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are currently pending; claims 8-18 and 21-23 are currently withdrawn. No claims have been allowed. Claims 1-6 are canceled and claims 7 and 20-21 are amended herein.

Claims 1-7, 19 and 20 are objected to as being drawn to an improper Markush group. Claims 1-6 have been canceled, and claims 7 and 20-21 have been amended. Thus, Applicants believe the objection is thereby obviated.

Claims 1-6, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Natsugari et al. This rejection is obviated by the claim cancellation and amendments presented herein.

No fee has been calculated to be due. However, if any fee is due for entry of these papers, please charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 13-2755 as a large entity.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants assert the claims are enabled and in condition for allowance. If a telephonic communication will advance the prosecution of the instant application, please telephone Applicants' representative indicated below. Applicants believe no additional fees are due, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this amendment to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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